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MYSTERIOUS POLICE SECRECY IN WERNER CRIME ARREST

*Speculation Rife Among Foreign Community
Is Man In Custody Other Than Chinese?*

BLOODSTAINED DAGGER FOR PATHOLOGIST

Peiping, To-day.

Greatest secrecy is being observed in British police investigations into the fiendish murder of Miss Pamela Werner, whose terrible end has shocked foreign communities of all nationalities throughout China.

It is, however, learned that an important arrest was made last night.

This is the first arrest in the case. It was made by Captain Botham, who only recently joined the British Police in Tientsin and who was sent to Peiping to conduct the inquiry on behalf of the British authorities.

No details have been released concerning the man taken into custody. Captain Botham declines to disclose even the nationality of the man.

It is, however, alleged that blood-stained shoes, a dagger and a handkerchief were found in his house. — Reuter.

SPECULATION RIFE

Speculation is rife concerning the identity and nationality of the man arrested.

Police secrecy in the affair has given rise to all sorts of suppositions, including the suggestion that the man in custody is a foreigner.

Captain Botham has apparently been questioned several times, for a Reuter message from Peiping this afternoon, which refers to the speculation aroused, says that the police have declined to reveal the identity of the man detained.

They admit, however, that the arrest followed the discovery of a dagger bearing bloodstains on the sheath.

A piece of a handkerchief was also found and this is believed to have been similarly marked.

Reuter also states that the articles have been sent to a pathologist for medico-legal examination of the bloodstains.

MATTSON SLAYING: MAN ARRESTED

NEW YORK, TO-DAY.

A DRAMATIC ARREST HAS BEEN MADE AT CLEBURNE IN TEXAS, A THOUSAND MILES FROM THE SCENE OF THE GRUESOME CRIME, IN CONNECTION WITH THE KIDNAPING OF CHARLES MATTSON, 10-YEAR-OLD SON OF DR. MATTSON OF TACOMA.

The man arrested (says Reuter) is of middle age, but his name is not revealed and the only official statement is that he is being held

in custody by the Police on suspicion of having been involved in the kidnapping.

Nothing is said regarding his connection with the murder of the kidnapped boy, discovery of which sent a shudder through the whole of the United States.

Young Charles, it will be recalled, was found lying nearly naked in the snow of Everett woods, his face covered in blood, teeth knocked out and skull crushed as from a heavy blow.

Investigation revealed that the victim had not long been dead, and police activity has since involved practically the whole of the Washington State homicide squad.

ARAB AFFRAYS AT ANTIOCH

Two Killed And Eight Wounded

Damascus, To-day.

The unrest prevailing for several days past in Konyah and in Aleppo continues to spread. Demonstrations in Antioch were followed by others in Bihmiyar, at which two Arabs and eight were wounded. Numerous persons were arrested. — Trans Ocean.

MADEIRA NOW THE SCARE

Denial Of German Activity

Paris, To-day.

Press reports here to the effect that an increasing number of Germans are arriving at Madeira in the Cape Verde Islands and are engaged in activities there are denied by the Portuguese Legation. — Trans Ocean.



Mrs. Martin Johnson, famous as a big game hunter, in company with her husband, who was seriously injured yesterday in an air crash near Los Angeles.

JOHNSONS SAFE

BOTH BADLY HURT
BUT ALIVE

FEARS FOR THE LIVES OF MR. AND MRS. MARTIN JOHNSON, THE FAMOUS BIG GAME HUNTERS, WHO ARE WELL-KNOWN IN HONG KONG, HAVING PASSED THROUGH ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, HAVE HAPPILY PROVED GROUNDESS.

Both were injured in the crash of a giant airliner near Los Angeles, a Reuter message announcing that both are suffering from fractures of a leg.

Mrs. Martin Johnson was still unconscious when extricated from the wreckage.

ONE KILLED

One of the passengers is reported to have been killed, but the remainder of those on board appear to have escaped with comparatively slight injuries.

Los Angeles, To-day.

The wreckage of an airliner from Salt Lake City in which Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson, the world famous big game hunters, were passengers, is reported to have been found in the hills five miles from San Fernando, California.

Rescuers are proceeding to the spot but it is not yet known whether there are any survivors. The airliner carried 10 passengers and a crew of three. — Reuter.

OUTLAWING OF COMMUNISM

Measure Approved In Chilean Senate

Santiago, To-day.

The Chilean Government's Security Bill has passed the Senate by 22 votes to 18 and becomes law after the signature of the President.

The Bill follows the lines of measures recently introduced by other South American Governments and its object is the outlawing of Communism. — Reuter.

FRANCO SEIZURE OF RUSSIAN SHIPS

Soviet Seeks Aid Of Britain

"IMPUDENCE"

— "Evening News"

London, To-day.

Through their Ambassador to the Court of St. James, M. Maisky, the "Evening News" learns that the Soviet Government has conveyed a request to the British Foreign Minister, Mr. Anthony Eden, to "take active steps against General Franco's acts in the Mediterranean."

The "Evening News" states that, "It is impudence on the part of the Soviet-Union to want to use the British Fleet for Russian purposes."

The Labour paper, "Daily Herald" adds that the Soviet Ambassador put the request in an urgent way and pointed out the seriousness of the situation.

The Soviet plan, continues the paper, is that international action against General Franco's ships in the Mediterranean be taken, the British Fleet playing a leading part. — Trans Ocean.

SOVIET SHIP SEIZED

Santander, To-day.

The Spanish insurgents have seized a Soviet food-ship off the Santander coast. — Reuter.

URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION

Dr. Basto Returns As Only Nomination

The only nomination received for the vacancy in the Urban Council was that of Dr. Roberto Alexandre de Castro Basto, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S.

Dr. Basto was proposed by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, and seconded by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo. There being no other nominations, Dr. Basto becomes automatically re-elected for the third time in succession.

He is well known as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist.

STRIKERS GET A SHOCK

Want To Return But Cannot

Paris, To-day.

Although workers of the Lille metal industry are eager to return to work, the strike still continues because engineers and the foremen of the metal works have now laid down their tools.

The workers resent the enforced idleness, declaring that as far as they are concerned the strike is completely settled and demand that the engineers and foremen come to terms with the employers forthwith. — Trans Ocean.

OPEN INVITATION

Tangier, To-day.

Colonel Beighader, the Spanish High Commissioner in Morocco, has offered every facility to journalists with the exception of Russians to visit Spanish Morocco. — Reuter.



Mr. Anthony Eden

SILVER CYPRESS AFIRE

FEARED A WRECK
ILOILO

Manila, To-day.

The well-known British Far Eastern freighter, Silver Cypress, of 3,695 tons, is expected to be a total loss as the result of a disastrous fire which broke out at three o'clock this morning in Iloilo harbour.

The outbreak is thought to have originated in one of the holds. It was followed by a series of explosions.

All three holds are stated to have been completely gutted and the fire is still raging. All members of the crew are safe.

The Silver Cypress, for whom the agents are the Prince Line-Silver Line, arrived in Iloilo yesterday with a cargo of fertiliser on board. — Reuter.

VESSEL BEACHED

A further report from Reuter, from London, concerning the disaster says that the fire broke out in a generator and spread to the ship and her cargo.

The vessel, a motor-ship, has been beached at Buena Vista Guimaras. The captain is remaining aboard (says Reuter) but the crew and passengers have landed in Iloilo.

BRITAIN TRADES WITH FRANCO

Coal In Exchange For Farm Products

Salamanca, To-day.

A provisional trade agreement between Great Britain and the Burgos Government has been concluded, according to information from an authoritative source.

Great Britain was interested in

ANTHONY EDEN'S REPLY TO HERR HITLER

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN A STRIKING SPEECH, ADDRESSED CHIEFLY TO GERMANY, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, MR. ANTHONY EDEN PASSIONATELY PLEADED FOR A TERMINATION OF THE SPIRIT OF FEUD IN EUROPE.

Mr. Eden was addressing the Foreign Press Association at an official dinner last night, and he referred to Herr Hitler's statement in Berlin at the reception to the Diplomatic Corps, declaring that His Majesty's Government warmly reciprocated the sentiments expressed by the German Chancellor regarding understanding and reconciliation among nations.

"SURELY WORLD IS NOT BANKRUPT"

"Surely the world is not so bankrupt that it can find no way of giving practical force to what, it seems, is the common aim of us all. That, at any rate, must be the task to which we must devote ourselves in the coming year and so far as the people of this country are concerned I can assure you it is a task to which they will bend their most earnest and united endeavours."

If that task were to be accomplished, both political and economic appeasement was necessary. This allusion to the danger of economic distress to peace brought Mr. Eden to the question of rearmament.

"We in this country, as you know, are now engaged in rearmament on a considerable, indeed a formidable, scale. That rearmament is gathering momentum. In time it must impose a strain upon our national finances and national prosperity as it is already doing elsewhere."

NO OTHER POLICY OPEN

"Yet no other policy was open to us in a rapidly rearming world. The British nation have no desire to spend money upon armaments, yet let there be no mistake: in existing conditions they can, and if need be will, show as stubborn a determination as any other nation in securing the re-equipment which they regard as vital to their national safety."

"But that is not the road we wish to travel. There is better way. We definitely prefer better to guns and we are prepared to do our best by economic co-operation and by working for European agreement to secure that others have better too in world which

has no need of guns." Earlier in his speech, Mr. Eden spoke of the many disturbing and even menacing factors which they found in Europe at the opening of the New Year. There was the situation in Spain, regarding which British views were well-known.

SPAIN'S FUTURE

"We are a democratic country. We believe it is for the inhabitants of any country to decide what system of government they prefer. We wish to see imposed no system of government either our own or any other on the

Nearly 800 Deaths From Flu

London, To-day.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Health regarding the influenza epidemic warns the public to continue the precautions which experience has shown to be desirable as it is too early yet to say whether the epidemic has reached its peak.

In the week ending January 9, there were 783 deaths from influenza in the 122 greater towns, with a population reaching nearly 21,000,000, as compared with 325 the previous week. — British Wireless.

Spanish people. We believe any such effort would be unjustified and, even were it to succeed, could bring no lasting peace. For that reason we have discouraged any foreign intervention.

"Now some believe that as the outcome of the civil war, Spain inevitably must have a government, either fascist or communist. That is not our belief."

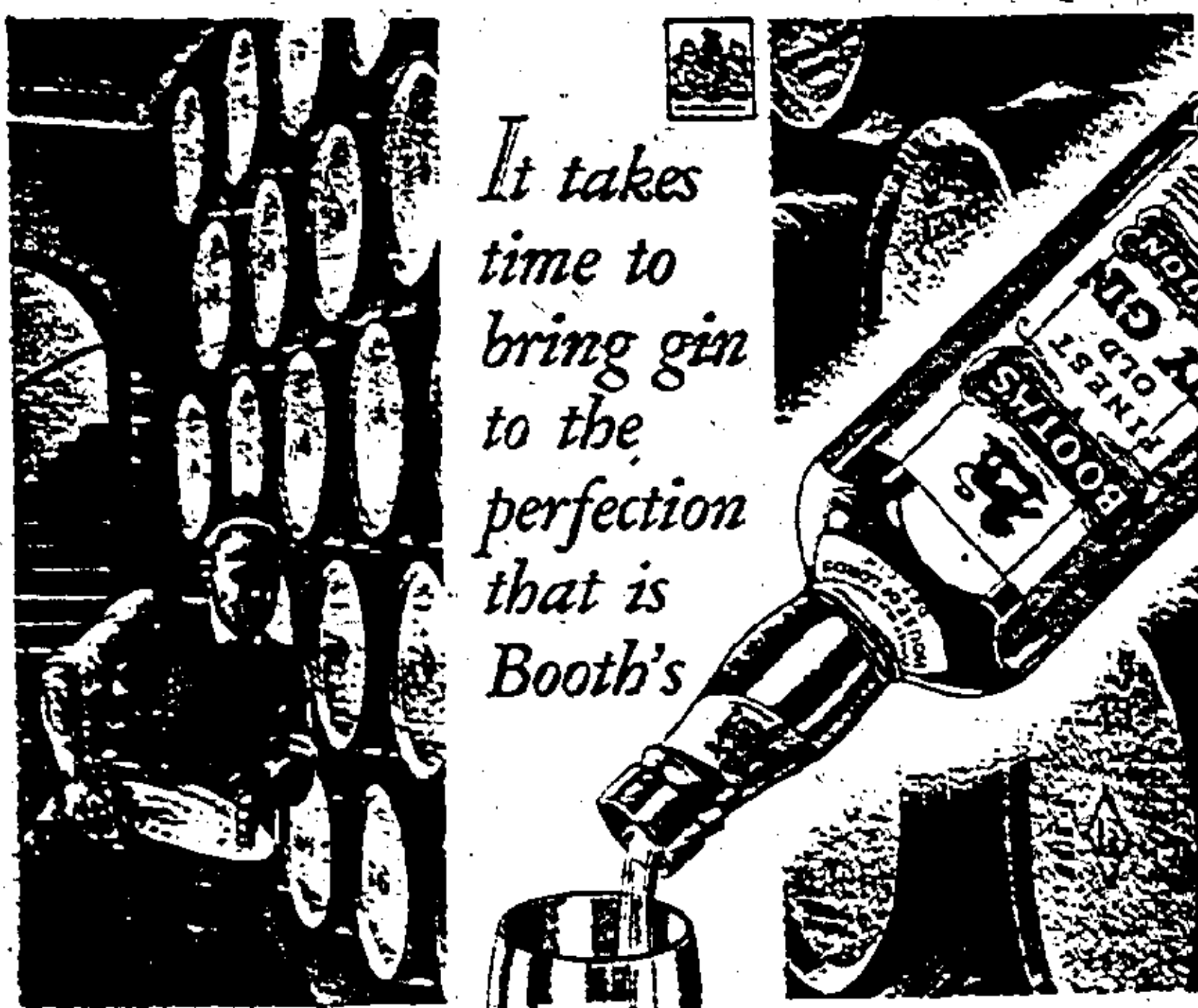
"On contrary, we believe that neither of these forms of government being indigenous to Spain neither is likely to endure. Spain will, in time, evolve her own Spanish form of government. The less foreigners interfere the shorter that time will be."

RIVAL IDEOLOGIES

The Foreign Secretary thought he discerned signs that the tendency to divide Europe into rival ideologies—a tendency against which the whole moral and political weight of the British people and, he believed, all the English-speaking world would be thrown—was diminishing and he claimed. (Continued on Page 5)

LOCAL WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone is moving eastward, and that pressure is now highest over the Yellow Sea. Forecast:—N. E. Winds; moderate; fair.



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Navy Make An Announcement.

The Royal Naval Recreation Club announce that their First Division League Football match against Eastern for next Sunday has been cancelled and they are waiting until they can sign on new players before they attempt to resume their fixtures next week!

They announce that the following team will represent the Royal Navy against South China in the second match of the Kowloon Cup series: — Ritchie, Passant and Toner, Usher, Hutchby and Jones; Le Page, Wride, Finney, Spencer and Tufnell.

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

LEADING PLAYERS ENTERING

OLIVEIRA HAS GOOD CHANCE

That the proposed Colony badminton championships are going to prove to be very popular and an outstanding success is borne out by the fact that, although they have not yet sent in their entries, most of the outstanding badminton players have intimated that they will be competing in the Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles Championships, the first to be held in the Colony.

Intending competitors are, however, reminded that the entries will be closed at noon on Saturday next.

Among the competitors for the singles championship is M. A. Oliveira, of Club de Recreio, who was selected to play against A. G. Meise, the Shanghai champion, when the latter visited the Colony last year. Oliveira, who has shown great improvement in his game, has every chance of winning the championship. He will, however, be strongly opposed by Patrick Wong, of the Chinese "Y", H. Kew, of St. Andrew's "A", S. P. Chan, of King's College, and probably T. C. Lee and P. K. Hui, of the University, who have not yet decided whether they will be entering the Singles.

DOUBLES PAIRINGS

Oliveira also intends to enter the Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles championships. In the former he will partner J. J. Remedios, and in the latter with Miss M. Silva. S. A. Gray, of St. Andrew's "A", will also be competing in the three competitions. In the mixed doubles he will partner Miss A. MacKenzie, of the Free Lances.

L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio), H. Kew and E. F. Fincher (St. Andrew's "A"), A. J. Bennett and D. Kwok, (St. John's), T. C. Lee and P. K. Hui, and N. Mackay and A. Chan are other pairings in the Men's Doubles. F. H. Kwok has not yet been able to find a partner.

E. L. H. Shute and Mrs. Shute, of the Free Lances, who will be proceeding Home for good in April next, have decided not to enter any of the competitions.

SHANGHAI CAN RAISE USEFUL XI

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mainder of the time before the fixed date for the Interport would have been profitably spent in welding the eleven players into a formidable combination.

As matters now stand, ladies' hockey will carry on as usual, the interest engendered by the trials will die a natural death and if favourable news is received from Shanghai further trials will have to be arranged, current form reassessed and the team chosen with little or no time left for practice as a combination.

POSTPONEMENTS DISALLOWED

INSIDE STORY ON NEWEST SENSATION

BOTH TEAMS HAD VERY FAIR CHANCES OF SUCCESS

(By "REFEREE")

A VERY unfortunate situation has arisen in the local football world as a result—indirectly—of the British Fleet's movements, which this autumn are on a much bigger scale than hitherto, with the inevitable result that the Royal Navy teams in the Hong Kong League are being left with very few players from whom to select their First and Second Division teams.

I am told that only a handful of men from H.M.S. Tamar, about 30 all told, will remain here to make up the Senior and Junior Division League teams, which is an absurd situation to put it mildly. At the moment, the Royal Navy Second Division team are unbeaten, having drawn one game in 13 and having won the remainder. They are now level in points with the Fusiliers, and have two games in hand! I was given a shock, however, when I learned that the Royal Navy were not asking for a postponement of their junior fixtures, but of their First Division encounters!

Yesterday afternoon I interviewed Comdr. C. D. Arbuthnot, R.N., a Vice-President of the Hong Kong Football Association, who is in direct charge of the Navy team in the Colony. I asked him for confirmation of the fact that the Navy had applied to the Hong Kong Football Association for a postponement of all their First Division fixtures up till the first week in March, but he stated that he would rather the Association gave me the answer. He confirmed the fact, however, that he had in fact written into the Association, but up to that moment (2.45 p.m.) had not received a reply.

I next interviewed Mr. A. W. Bliss, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Association, who confirmed all the facts in my possession, which were:

REQUEST REFUSED

That the Royal Naval Recreation Club had applied to the Association for a postponement of all their First Division League fixtures until the first week in March, but that they were willing to resume their Second Division fixtures, fielding a side from H.M.S. Tamar. Further, that the League Management Committee of the Association had discussed the application and were compelled to refuse it on the ground that any further postponements would considerably congest the fixture list. The League Management Committee further advised the Royal Naval Recreation Club to fulfil their League engagements, or to consider the advisability of withdrawing from the First Division fixture list.

I understand, after conferring with Cd. Gunner C. G. Warren, a Councillor of the H.K.F.A. and a member of the R.N.R.C., that the Royal Navy have little intention of withdrawing from the League and would rather relinquish the points instead. He pointed out that it was almost an impossibility for them to field a representative First Division side after the second week in February, by which time the only players they could possibly draw upon would be from H.M.S. Tamar, which comprised 30 in all!

The decision of the League Management Committee will be a bitter blow to the Royal Navy, who have taken part in the League from time immemorial and who contributed largely to the foundations for soccer in the Colony. Their first representative in Colony soccer was H.M.S. Centurion, who were the first holders of the Senior Shield competition, in 1897, the Club then managing the competition, and they have since won the League during the 1918-19 season.

The strange part about the Navy first team is that they have only played nine matches to date, securing 11 points, and, providing they win their remaining encounters, they stand as good a chance of winning the League Championship as the Rifles, the present favourites!

The many supporters of the Navy in the Colony will sympathise with them, while at the same time appreciating the League Management Committee's viewpoint concerning the number of postponed games at the moment and the fact that the fixture list is already congested.

REORGANISATION OF ASSOCIATION

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where Mrs. Donald, who is a lot better than many male centre-forwards in the Colony, Miss W. Marsh, who played a real bustling game, despite being injured in the first match, and Miss E. Gray, who is the finest back Hong Kong has ever had.

Miss M. Smith fully demonstrated her shooting abilities and is the obvious selection for the inside-left berth in the Colony team. Both Miss O. Dabiel and Miss M. Westcott, prospective Colony winners, were somewhat lost in the centre, but the former showed she knew where the goal was.

I was disappointed in Miss P. Gittins, who failed to impress with her stickwork, while she badly lacked opportunism and speed. She had to forage a lot for herself, it is true, but she did not come up to my expectations. Miss O. Peters was an eye-opener. The way she held Mrs. Donald in check was deserving of Interport recognition, though she might quite easily have been penalised more often, than she was. Miss J. Walker was also in excellent form for C.R.A., but another disappointing player was Miss J. Wong, the likely Interport pivot. She appeared lost in the scramble for possession, despite her long reach and experience.

Among the junior players Miss H. Bockler was in good form, while Miss Eamon of the Rifles Ladies "showed distinct promise without the necessary support."

It was a good tournament and the Hong Kong Ladies fully deserved their first success in a keenly fought series.



A. J. Osmund is expected to retain the Colony Billiards Championship with the same ease he won it last year. There has been a suggestion that he should have been exempt from the earlier rounds, thus introducing the challenge round.

"ROVER'S" FOOTBALL FORECAST

The following is "Rover's" forecast for the week-end fixtures, giving the favoured teams in pronounced black letters—

SATURDAY
FIRST DIVISION
St. Joseph's v Seaford (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
Police v Club (Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)
Kowloon Chinese v Fusiliers (Club, 4 p.m.)
Rifles v Kowloon (Prince Edward Road, 4 p.m.)
South China "B" v Athletic (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Recreio v South China "A" (Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Eastern v Navy (St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION
Lyemum v Seaford (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)
Chinese Police v Club (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Kowloon Chinese v Fusiliers (Club, 2.30 p.m.)
South China v Athletic (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Stonecutters v Engineers (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
Eastern v Navy (Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION
St. Joseph's v Seaford (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
Recreio v Engineers (King's Park, 2.30 p.m.)
Kumaon Rifles v Fusiliers (King's Park, 4 p.m.)
European Police v Kwong Wah (Prince Edward Road, 2.30 p.m.)

SUNDAY
Third Division
Medicals v Air Force (Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)
Liga v Chinese Police (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Service Corps v Ordinance (Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.)
KOTEWALL CUP COMPETITION
South China v Royal Navy (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD SOCCER MATCH TO-DAY

The Second Round soccer game in the Junior Shield competition between Lyemum and the Royal Army Ordnance Corps will be played to-day at 2.45 p.m. All the football fixtures of the East Lancashire Regiment will now be taken over by the Seaford Highlanders.

EMPRESS SOCCER TEAMS ON VIEW

Teams from the R.M.S. Empress of Canada and R.M.S. Empress of Russia will meet in a soccer fixture on Sunday at 10.30 a.m. on the Kowloon Football Club ground. The two vessels are docked here for their annual overhaul and the teams are thus given a rare opportunity to play a match.

The following will play:
Empress of Russia—G. Valente; F. Tomlinson, J. Smith; F. Rogers, J. Shaw, C. Blacklock; D. Olive, G. Tufnell, J. McGillivray, A. Fraser and W. Campbell.
Empress of Canada—Barker; R. Goss, Bradshaw; Sinclair, Stone, Blight; McHugh, Young, Gillespie, Short, Wheeler. Reserves—Naim and Perry.

VIGOROUS PROTEST AGAINST LIMITATION OF GOLF CLUBS

London, To-day.—The Professional Golfers' Association has officially protested against the limitation of the number of clubs and has sent a letter to the Royal and Ancient Club expressing the opinion that it is unnecessary and undesirable to restrict the game in this manner.

LEWIS-AL ETTORE CONTEST RECORDED AS DRAW

Philadelphia, To-day.—The Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission has ordered that the fight on January 4 between Al Ettore and John Henry Lewis be officially recorded as a draw.—Reuter. The original decision was that Al Ettore won on points.

KOWLOON ARE NOT PERTURBED

WORCESTER GAPS FILLED

REORGANISED ELEVEN

(By "ROVER")

While a detachment from the Worcestershire Regiment was at Shamshui, attached to the East Lanes, pending the arrival of the troopship Lancashire on her way Home, the Kowloon Football Club gave several of their footballers a chance of participating in local football by using as many of them as they could in one of their two teams, with the result that for the past six weeks Kowloon have been greatly strengthened.

With the departure of these men last Tuesday, it was at first thought that several serious gaps would be caused in the two teams, but on enquiry I find that while Kowloon had utilised the services of these players, they had always kept in mind their impending departure and had retained their own team as far as possible, bringing the new players into vacancies caused through injuries.

ARCHER WILL BE MISSED
Archer, who scored the only goal for them against South China "A," gave the forwards that necessary impetus, and his departure will enable Honnball to return to his old position on the left-wing, thus allowing Blake to play at inside-left. W. Knox will then be seen on the right-wing.

It is in the Second Division that the players from the Worcestershire have done them most good. Apart from enabling Kowloon to win several games, there is no doubt that the presence of Kendrick in the forward-line and Harcourt in the defence, encouraged the junior players, who will no doubt profit by the experience of having played with men of First Division standard.

BRIEF REVIEW OF SEASON TO DATE

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"Find" Of Season

Mrs. Donald, a newcomer to the Colony, who made her local debut about two months ago, is quite the "find" of the season and is undoubtedly the best centre-forward Hong Kong Ladies have had.

Mrs. Prophet, who played for the Central British Schoolgirls in their first year in the Brawn Cup League, started the season but later dropped out and took to coaching what is now the finest junior team in the Colony.

Mrs. Prophet has played in several positions in the attack, but her inclusion at inside-left for Hong Kong Ladies nullified their biggest weakness, the left-wing.

Hong Kong Ladies' attack is the most penetrative they have had for many seasons, combining speed and hitting power with the determination "to get there."

Saints Surprise

Certainly one of the most surprising features of the St. Andrew's Ladies were their faultless displays in the opening matches of the Caer Clark Cup League. They have several newcomers this season, while departures from the team have also left their mark.

Miss J. Humphreys, their present right-half, is among the newcomers and secured an Interport trial. A steady half-back who distributes well, she is only lacking speed to perfect her spooling abilities. She should do even better next season.

Miss M. Reza and Miss S. West who formerly played for the Diocesan Girls' School in the Brawn Cup League, were their two best newcomers to the attack and both have been very prominently featured in the St. Andrew's Ladies' successes to date.

Although Miss Phyllis Gittins, the present captain, has worked wonders with the talent available, they have never really been in a challenging position for the title. (To be Continued)

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MOROCCO STORM IN A TEACUP

Mutual assurances as to the intention of Germany and France in the little matter of Spanish Morocco have calmed the atmosphere and ended excitement, though they may not deter the interested parties from keeping a watchful eye upon happenings in the Spanish zone.

Two things have impressed themselves deeply as a result of the episode. First is the profound mistrust of each other that plainly dominates relations between the countries who have thought it incumbent upon themselves to take sides in the Spanish civil war. The second is the boomerang effect of Government control, whether direct or indirect, of the press.

But for the general belief, not without excellent cause, that the newspapers of France follow the bidding of the Government to a very large extent, discreet enquiries would have been made and have forestalled the development of any sense of acute tension. Germany was quick to the conclusion that "Petit Parisien" to take one example, was speaking for the Government, and—taking the situation at its face value—being free of sinister designs herself, quite naturally looked for the ulterior motive for the virulent Parisian press campaign.

German press control is of that complete and final nature which precludes due appreciation of the occasional licence granted under less rigid systems.

Both parties appear now to be satisfied that susceptibilities are not to suffer a severe shock as the result of a General Staff coup by either, and "War Threat In Europe" can still be employed as a stock laugh-raising gag by Hollywood scenario writers.

Tetuan "Riddle"

Britain's contribution to the discussion raises opportunity for speculation.

The suggestion is made, or the inference is carefully allowed to be drawn, that while German infiltration in Morocco had never progressed to any important extent, an absence of French alertness might have produced real cause for protest.

It is probably unwise, however, to dabble too deeply in "what might have been."

The Wilhelmstrasse can scarcely be held responsible for the twists that might be given to the somewhat ambiguous phraseology of the Spanish Governor of Tetuan.

Hitler's Peace Speech

Herr Hitler's profession of peace in a carefully worded response to the felicitations of the Diplomatic Corps in Berlin has created an excellent impression.

He urged confidence that Germany's ambition is to co-operate in the work of bringing about understanding and conciliation between nations which will enable them to secure their own economic existence and thus provide the surest guarantee for the progress and prosperity of all mankind.

Sentiments of that kind cannot but be reciprocated in Europe today which needs nothing if it is not understanding and conciliation.

It was clear, however, that the colonial question and raw material

Here There and Everywhere



EX-KING'S HOST

The Duke of Windsor's host in Austria, Baron Eugene de Rothschild, has given up most of his Austrian property in order to economise. Very heavy taxation has forced most of his brothers to do likewise, and others of their palaces, once the rendezvous of Imperial Vienna, stand empty today.

Great areas of land belonging to the Rothschild estate were recently handed over to the Austrian Government as a token of sympathy in the Government's struggle to deal with the unemployment problem. It is now used for the settlement of farmers and unemployed labourers.

SAVING AUSTRIA

It was Baron Eugene's ancestor Solomon Rothschild who, with his brother in London, financed the war against Napoleon. That Baron Eugene has helped the Government to fight revolution in Austria has made people couple his name with that of his ancestor.

His castle, Enzesfeld, is a meeting-place of many Austrians who still play prominent parts in the country's life, and if the Duke of Windsor stays there for any length of time he will meet everybody who is still included in Austria's "Who's Who." The Baron is known to be the best host in the country.

ROYAL LADIES

The position of Queen Mary under the change of monarchy is unprecedented. Doubtless as a matter of courtesy she will follow next after Queen Elizabeth; but the position has not before arisen.

On the existing precedence scales the sovereign's daughters follow the Consort when he has no sons, or when there is no Princess of Wales.

It is most likely in the circumstances that Queen Mary will become second lady in the land as though she were a Princess of Wales. But also there may be a complete revision of the scale, as there are now wives of the Sovereign's brothers to be taken into account.

EXPLANATIONS OF TO-DAY'S CARTOON THE SMALLEST STATE

A VACHAR, in the Surat Agency, Bombay, is the smallest of the 562 States which constitute the British Indian Empire. The State, which has a population of only 32, an area of one square mile and an annual budget of \$25, numbers a dozen castes among its minute population and is ruled by a native Maharaja dynasty.

supplies occupied a prominent place in the Fuchrer's thoughts, and the speech may fairly be interpreted as an invitation to cease evasion of the issue and treat with it on a realistic basis.

Arms And Economics

One of the difficulties in which Britain finds herself in considering the peculiarities of this more than technical problem bears relations to the arms race in Europe.

It is regarded as unfortunate that Germany appears reluctant to discuss politics if a condition of agreement is an end to the further piling up of armaments.

Authoritative information, London claims, shows that the Four Year Economic Plan has been adopted largely at the behest of the General Staff, and expert observers can detect no slackening in warlike preparations.

Herr Hitler doubtless has the appropriate answer, but Mr. Anthony Eden represents British public opinion, fairly accurately when he states that Britain could never lend herself to a course which carries the remotest suspicion that a contribution to the economic welfare of the Reich would serve to duplicate German resources in tanks and big guns.

MR. WELLS PLANS A WORLD BRAIN

FLINGING, as he said, "moderation to the winds," Mr. H. G. Wells, in a lecture to the Royal Institution on outlined "what he called a New World Encyclopaedia, sketching it as "A scheme for the reorganisation and reorientation of education and information throughout the world."

He was, he said, thinking of a super-university, a world brain; nothing less.

Mr. Wells briefly ran through the state of the world to-day. "If I might attempt a sweeping generalisation about the general course of human history in the 18 years that have followed the war I believe I should have you with me if I described it as a series of floundering, violent, ill-directed mass movements, slack drifting here and convulsive action there," he said. "We talk about the dignity of history. There is no dignity yet in human history."

If usage had not dulled us, we should think our species collectively insane to go about its business in this haphazard, planless, negligent fashion.

Defining his suggestion to remedy this "missing element in the modern human social mechanism," Mr. Wells said that he would take it first from the point of view of the ordinary educated citizen.

"I will ask you to imagine how this world encyclopaedic organisation would enter into his life and how it would affect him."

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Such an encyclopaedia would provide the mental background of

Why A Code "Dies"

The many long cipher telegrams which have passed during the last few weeks between London and the Dominions and Colonies may result in the scrapping of certain Government secret ciphers. Frequent use of a cipher, and especially in long messages of which the general purport can be guessed, increases the chance of its being "broken," and thus rendered useless.

Most governments have a cipher-breaking department which devotes its energies to probing the secrets of the intercepted cipher telegrams of other governments. The skill of these cipher-breakers is incredible, and it has been said that during the Great War the safe "life" of a cipher was only a few months.

All governments have a cipher construction department whose work is to invent new ciphers to replace old ones. The construction of a cipher is a highly skilled job, and an expensive one. It is carried out by experts who are skilled mathematicians, and whose aim is to produce a cipher which is both easy to use and difficult to break.

After being prepared, the new cipher is carefully checked. It is then printed and bound in stout volumes under conditions of the strictest secrecy. The list of holders of a cipher is cut down as much as possible, but still it is a large one, and includes all ambassadors and consuls abroad, and fire.

every intelligent man in the world. It would be an undogmatic Bible to a world culture.

Two objections, one that no two people think alike and that differences of opinion might mar the authority of the encyclopaedia, and the other that if successful, it might tend to stereotype people, Mr. Wells quickly dismissed.

The answer to the first, he said, was that the encyclopaedia would be "a clearing house of misunderstanding" which would compel men to come to terms with one another; and to the second that he preferred a garden to a swamp.

The variety and beauty of life were not enhanced if all the clocks in a town kept different times.

Mr. Wells disclaimed any intention of writing this encyclopaedia himself. Such a rumour had got about.

"It implore you not to let that touch of personal absurdity becloud the greatness and urgency of the cause I am pleading."

What was wanted first was a promotion organisation to survey the available material, much of which existed already though in a state of impotent diffusion. Perhaps it might be produced on the scale of ten or twenty thousand items.

Next a general editorial board and departmental boards dealing with separate fields of interest would have to come into being.

He saw no reason why the capital needed for these promotion activities should not be forthcoming.

Mr. Wells suggested that a language, preferably English, as having a wide range, should be adopted.

Dominion and Colonial governments.

If a cipher is lost, even temporarily, or gets into the hands for a time of any unauthorised person, it is said to have become "compromised" and no longer safe for use.

All copies of a "compromised" cipher have to be destroyed by fire by all the many holders, who send certificates of destruction to London. The paper and binding of the volumes are specially treated so as to facilitate their destruction by fire.

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TERRIFIC BOMBARDMENT AND AIR RAID

WAR TERROR WAS BROUGHT HOME TO MALAGA YESTERDAY IN A JOINT AIR RAID AND NAVAL BOMBARDMENT OF UNEXAMPLED FEROCITY.

HUNDREDS OF CIVILIANS WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED IN A PERSISTENT ATTACK LASTING SEVERAL HOURS, AND THE DAMAGE DONE WAS EXTENSIVE.

A Reuter message from Gibraltar described the insurgent onslaught as Malaga's heaviest bombardment since the outbreak of the Spanish civil war. The grim details of the story were related to newspaper correspondents at Gibraltar by the officers of Danish and Norwegian steamers which were lying alongside the quay at Malaga when first the air raiders appeared, comprising six heavy-type bombing planes, followed by two cruisers.

The planes dropped at least 200 explosive and incendiary bombs upon the city, and while the raid was still in progress, the cruisers opened fire and rained at least 200 shells upon the town.

No accurate estimate of casualties can yet be formed but the total is known to exceed 300.

BRITISH CONSULATE HAVOC

The main hospital Malaga was among the buildings badly damaged and a number of other important buildings were set on fire.

According to Trans-Ocean reports, parts of Malaga are now in flames.

The air and naval attack is believed to be the prelude to a major offensive by the insurgent military forces in an attempt to capture the town, which has held out for many weeks.

During the bombardment, says a British Wireless message, a shell exploded outside the British Consulate and did considerable damage to the building. The personnel was unharmed.

Neutral shipping in harbour made for the safety of the open sea after a Norwegian ship had been hit. About hundred shells fell on town and harbour, mostly on the latter.



Useful as well as decorative in any cruise activity, this knitted costume of yarn is a voyager's first mate. Its lacy knit blouse is topped by a spaghetti neck trimming that falls in coils over the front of the garment.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

A general meeting of the Ladies Branch R.A.O.C. Association will be held in Scandal Point Hall at 3 p.m. on Monday, January 18.

The Hong Kong Travel Association acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following subscription: Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp., \$1,000.

Miss Bitzer, of No. 45 Conduit Road, and Mr. A. H. Farrar, of No. 4 MacDonnell Road, were this morning each fined \$5, by Mr. K. Keen at the Central Magistracy, for allowing their dogs abroad without a muzzle or on lead.

Mr. M. Berg, of No. 11 Villa Maria was fined \$1 for allowing his dog in the Botanical Gardens, and \$5 for keeping a dog without a licence, at the Central Magistracy this morning. Mr. Berg said that the dog was given him to look by a friend who had gone to sea and he did not verify whether it had a licence.

BITTER COLD WAVE SWEEPS AMERICA

TWENTY DEATHS: HEAVY CROP LOSSES

Denver, Colorado, To-day. A bitter cold-wave has swept through the West and South-west of the United States, with the temperatures ranging between 10 and 15 degrees below zero.

At least 20 deaths have been recorded, while damage to the California citrus crop, from the frost, is estimated at U.S.\$10,000,000.—Reuter.

ITALIAN ARRESTS SENSATION

SPYING ACCUSATIONS IN YEMEN

Jerusalem, To-day. Members of the Italian archaeological expedition, it is reported here, have been arrested by the Yemen Government on a charge of in reality being engaged of preparing military maps of the country.

The Italians are further accused of having been engaged in political activities directed against the Yemen.—Trans-Ocean.

NEW BYE-ELECTION

Sir William Ray's Resignation

London, To-day. Sir William Ray, Conservative member of Parliament for Richmond, Surrey, since 1932 has resigned on account of ill health. A bye-election will follow within a few weeks. At the last election, Sir William's majority was 19,480.—British Wireless.

DISPUTE OF COAL WORKERS

Claim Dismissed This Morning

NO RIGHT TO SUE

Claiming that the plaintiff association had no legal entity, and therefore could not take proceedings, Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones was successful in obtaining a "non-suit" decision against the Hong Kong Coal Workers' Association, who, represented by Mr. J. M. D'Almada Bemeditos, sued Kwok On, of the Compradore Department of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, for a sum of \$413.20 as damages for improperly and irregularly distraining plaintiff's goods and chattels at No. 131, Johnston Road, on September 10 and 21 last.

The case was heard before Mr. Justice J. J. Hayden, acting Puisne Judge, at the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr. Remedios also represented the Chairman of the Hong Kong Coal Workers' Association. Ha Kim, whose name appeared together with the Association's name on the writ, as a plaintiff in the case.

"Restraint" Damage

Referring to the separate claim of Ha Kim, Mr. Hugh-Jones requested that the case be dismissed, stating that, if Ha Kim was suing on behalf of the Association, he would then be claiming for damages suffered by the Association, but in the present writ Ha Kim was suing for damages not in the writ, suffered by himself, therefore the claim must either be withdrawn or dismissed. Mr. Justice Hayden dismissed the claim.

According to Mr. Remedios the claim was the result of restraint damages, which the Association suffered owing to the members refusing to pay their fees.

FRENCH SHIPPING PROJECT

Messageries To Run To Odessa

Moscow, To-day.

The principal representative of the well-known French shipping line, Messageries Maritimes, have arrived here in order to make final arrangements for the resumption of a regular shipping service between Marseilles and Odessa, which has been suspended for the last 22 years and which now be recommenced at the wish of the French Government.

Large liners, probably the Providence and Theophile Gautier, will leave each port once a month, calling at Piraeus, Istanbul, and Constanza.

Hitherto, the only regular service with Odessa has been maintained by the Italian Lloyd Triestino Line.—Trans-Ocean.

ARAB MUFTI WARNS FURTHER DISTURBANCES

UNLESS PALESTINE POLICY ALTERS EVIDENCE BEFORE COMMISSION

Jerusalem, To-day. Sharp criticism of Britain's Palestine policy and Jewish endeavours was expressed by the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem yesterday before the British Committee of Enquiry, in the presence of a large number of foreign press representatives.

Pointing out that Palestine had been Arabic for centuries up to the time of the war, he called attention to the promise of complete independence for all Arabia which England made to King Hussain of the Hedjaz during the war.

This, he declared, preceded Lord Balfour's promise to the Jews of "a new native land" in Palestine.

The Grand Mufti went on to describe the contradictions and ambiguity in post-war treaties and the attitude of the League of Nations. He declared that England's Palestine policy was often dictated by Jews and, as a result of it, increasing areas of Arab land were falling into Jewish hands.

As long as Jewish settlements continued to exist in Palestine, he stated, discontent and disturbances will prevail.

At the conclusion of his remarks, the Grand Mufti outlined the demands which he declared would alone bring peace to the Holy land. These included the discontinuation of "the native land of the Jews," promised by Lord Balfour, the checking of Jewish immigration, and prohibition of Arab Committees.

He was the first Arab witness heard by the Commission.—Trans-Ocean.

NON-INTERVENTION COMMITTEE

Official Communiqué Released

London, To-day.

A communiqué issued after yesterday's meetings of the Chairman's sub-committee of the Non-Intervention Committee states that consideration of the interim reply of Valencia Government regarding the supervision plan communicated to the two parties was postponed till General Franco's reply has been received.

The chairman, Lord Plymouth, said he desired, in the name of the United Kingdom Government, to support the proposal made by the French representative on December 23 that the representatives of any country the government of which had any influence with either of the parties in Spain should urge his government to exert that influence in favour of the acceptance of the plan of supervision.

The sub-committee had before them a summary of the replies received from the participating governments which showed that almost the whole of the funds required to finance the proposed supervision scheme had already been promised.

In connection with the experts' report on "volunteers," the committee says that a statement defining the issues raised by the report was referred to the governments with a request that their observation be furnished as quickly as possible.

Before the committee adjourned till next Monday, it had under consideration the experts' report on the possibility of extending the non-intervention agreement to cover the supply of financial aid to either of parties in Spain.—British Wireless.

SWEDEN TO BEGIN ARMAMENT

Parliament Opened By King Gustav

Stockholm, To-day.

King Gustav V yesterday opened the new Parliament and in a speech from the Throne emphasised the need of strengthening the national defences, the cost of which



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ANTHONY EDEN'S REPLY TO HERR HITLER

(Continued from Page 1)

ed the recent joint British and Italian declaration regarding the Mediterranean which was directed against no other country as a contribution to that process.

A considerable part of Mr. Eden's speech was devoted to a spirited defence of democracy as a practical and effective system of government to which the British people found it unnecessary to make a great parade of their devotion but which they would be ready to make all necessary sacrifice to preserve.

HEROISM AND HEROICS
"Democracy is a slow and steady growth to which men of all sorts and conditions throughout many generations have made their contribution. We are told it is not heroic and that Europe is now entering on an heroic age. By all means let us have heroism. But let us have regard for Europe as land for heroes to live in not merely to die in.

"Let us not confuse heroism and heroics.

"Let us seek that quieter heroism which is none the less real because it can see the qualities of heroism and the willingness for self-sacrifice in the people of every race and creed, and which regards co-operation with all races and creeds as essential to the general welfare of the world."

In conclusion, the Foreign Secretary made an appeal for the recognition of the independence of nations.

TRADE CO-OPERATION
"By an increase of international understanding, by free co-operation between peoples, by a reduction of the barriers hampering international trade, and intercourse by a genuine attempt to restrain our sentiments however deep and strong they may be in favour of this or that ideology, we can better the international situation and increase the world's prosperity and happiness."

"On the other hand, if we withdraw within ourselves, increase our individual isolation, if we continue to pile up armaments to the utmost of our economic

AUSTRIA'S PLACE IN EUROPE

PRESIDENT ON AIM OF POLICY

Vienna, To-day.

At the annual New Year's reception to the Diplomatic Corps held yesterday, President Miklas outlined, in general terms, Austria's foreign policy which he declared was determined by her geographical position and the place she has always occupied in European culture and civilisation.

Located as she is in the centre of Europe, where all paths of cultural and political development must cross, Austria can only fulfil her natural mission in peace and through international co-operation.—Trans-Ocean.

BRIGHTER BERLIN BOURSE

Optimism Succeeds Gloom

Berlin, To-day.

The Berlin Bourse underwent a complete change of mood yesterday as a result of the relaxation of tension in the international political situation.

The listlessness which had dominated the market hitherto, has disappeared. Operators who had proceeded to sell on Monday last, attempted to rebuy stocks yesterday, but found themselves faced with a great scarcity of investments.

Bank customers placed small buying orders which, in view of the shortage of stock, had the effect of forcing prices upwards, so that the market recovered all round.—Trans-Ocean.

strength and beyond it, we shall perpetuate the evils from which we suffer to-day and bring the world nearer to an even greater disaster than that from which it is only just beginning to recover.

"There may have been times when the nations could be independent and self-sufficient but that day is long past. No other nation today can prosper on the ruin of another. If we base our policies on this fundamental fact we shall have gone far to find a solution of the seemingly insoluble problems confronting mankind.—British Wireless.

PALESTINE ARABS PRESENT THEIR DEMANDS

Mufti Asks For End To Mandate

Jerusalem, To-day. Giving evidence before the Royal Commission of Enquiry in Palestine, the Mufti of Jerusalem demanded the abandonment of the Jewish National Home experiment, the immediate and complete stoppage of Jewish immigration and land purchase, and the abolition of the present mandate which would be replaced by a Treaty between Gt. Britain and the Arabs.—Reuter.

KING GEORGE VI WINS RACE

MARCONI TAKES COLOURS TO VICTORY

Birmingham, To-day. The Royal Colours were carried to victory for the first time in King George VI's reign when Marconi, ridden by Danny Morgan, and trained by Major Barrett, won the Swethwick Handicap Two Miles Steeplechase.

Marconi was lightly handicapped with 10 st. 3 and started a 7 to 2 favourite and prolonged cheering. It won by tight lengths from 13 rivals.—Reuter.

RAW RUBBER

Latest Quotations From Singapore

Messrs. H. B. Joseph & Co., received the following quotations from Singapore in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

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London Stock 33,076 Down 161.
Liverpool Stock 45,407 Down 477.

ROYAL HONEYMOONERS

Poland Grants Them Little Peace

Warsaw, To-day.

The sojourn of Prince Bernhard and Crown Princess Juliana of the Netherlands in Krynica where they have a suite in the Hotel Patria belonging to the famous Polish singer, Jan Kiepura, has attracted great interest throughout the country and even in this out of the way retreat, the couple are not free of a storm of press reporters and photographers.

Their presence has made the resort the cynosure of all winter sportsmen in Poland and every hotel in the village is crowded.—Trans-Ocean.

MEETING AT INNSBRUCK

Innsbruck, To-day. Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, has engaged hotel rooms at Igls, near Innsbruck, for Saturday. Whether she plans to meet the Crown Princess and her husband there, has not been learned.—Trans-Ocean.

R.A.F. PLAN TOUR OF INDIA

Formation Flight Of Twelve Planes

London, To-day.

Twelve Vincent Aircraft of the No. 45b squadron, under the command of Wing Commander A. R. Churchman, will leave Heliopolis for India on the inter-command and colonial development flight to-morrow.

The route to be followed will be via Amman, Rabat, Hinaidi, Chaibah, Bahrain, Sharjah, Gwadar, Karachi, Khamrupur and Lahore. The aircraft will reach Baisalpur next Tuesday and will leave for the return journey on February 5th. Three aircraft of the No. 216T squadron will accompany the squadron as far as Hinaidi, and five Valentia aircraft of No. 70BT squadron, will accompany it for the remainder of the flight. The approximate mileage is 6,500.—British Wireless.

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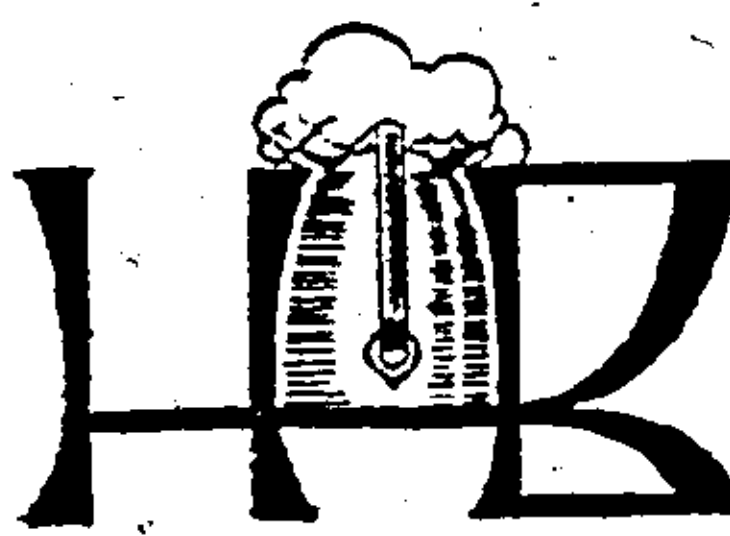


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FLYING TOUR OF MEDITERRANEAN

R.A.F. PROJECT

London, To-day. Four London flying boats of the No. 201 squadron commanded by Squadron Leader J. D. Breaker, will leave Calshot on Thursday for a cruise to Mediterranean and Lisbon.

The outward route will be via Hourtin, Berre, Malta, Algiers, Gibraltar and Lisbon.

The flying boats will reach Gibraltar to-morrow week and Lisbon on January 25 and will leave again next day returning to Calshot on 27th. — British Wireless.

REFORMING THE LEAGUE

ELEVEN MEN TO MAKE REPORTS

Geneva.—The League Reform Committee has appointed a team of 11 rapporteurs and thus, in the words of its chairman, Prof. Bourquin, "completed the first stage of its work."

The task of the rapporteurs will be to prepare for future discussions in the plenary meetings by establishing the connection between the different questions. The work will be shared as follows:

Viscount Cranborne (Britain), Senor Pardo (Argentina) and M. Stein (Russia): Separate aspects of the question of League universality.

M. Rutgers (Holland) and M. Paul-Boncour (France): Sanctions article of the Covenant.

M. Entezan (Iran): Questions relating to guarantees against aggression.

M. Unden (Sweden): Article dealing with action in case of war or danger of war.

Senor Guani (Uruguay): Article dealing with the review of treaties.

M. Kormanicki (Poland): Domestic organisation of the League.

M. Osusky (Czechoslovakia): Articles concerning the peaceful settlement of disputes.

Senor Umaná-Bernal (Colombia): Methods of modifying or interpreting the Covenant.

Prof. Bourquin referred to the feverish and agitated state of the world at the present time. He intimated that the problems before the Committee were so wide that they could not be separately settled.

SAILOR INJURED

Accident Aboard The German Liner Potsdam

A German sailor of the N.D.L. liner Potsdam was seriously injured yesterday and is now in Kowloon Hospital.

The Potsdam arrived here from Europe early yesterday morning and during the working of the cargo a sling of goods swung round in the hold and the sailor, Wilhelm Rex, 26 years, and Yung Yung-sing, 55 years, a coolie, were knocked over. Both received severe injuries and after being rushed to hospital were reported to be in a serious condition.

CAPT. CAMPBELL

FUNERAL SERVICE YESTERDAY

The funeral service and cremation took place yesterday of Mr. Douglas Lorne Campbell, Captain of the Chinese Preventive Ship Cheongkang, who was shot dead by his cabin boy early on Monday morning.

Deep sympathy is felt with Mr. Campbell's widow, formerly Miss Eileen Rose Cameron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. David Cameron of Yokohama. The two were married at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, in April last year. The Rev. J. B. Higgs, who officiated at the ceremony, read the funeral service at the Protestant Cemetery Chapel yesterday.

Mr. Campbell was 27 years of age and lived at No. 123, Austin Road. It is understood that his widow will return to her parents shortly.

LATEST BOOK REVIEWS

TOGETHER AND APART

How does it happen that a man and wife, who have lived for years in amity, suddenly find themselves estranged? Is divorce looked upon so lightly by modern people as is generally supposed? What effect does the divorce of the parents have upon their adolescent children? These are the questions investigated by Miss Kennedy's new novel, "Together and Apart."

"Together and Apart" is the kind of problem novel that involves unsophisticated happy families in spirited altercations over the rights and wrongs of its chief characters. Alec and Betsy Canning are drifting apart; or, to be more accurate, Betsy is determined to separate, and Alec, an amiable, self-indulgent, lethargic man, is allowing himself to drift. The trouble with Betsy, we suspect, is really that she is jealous of her husband's success: she married an undistinguished civil servant, and he has become a famous writer of librettos for light operas.

A reconciliation nearly takes place but is finally rendered impossible by the well-meaning interference of Alec's mother. Alec is thrown into the arms of Joy, his wife's "companion," a beautiful but inordinately dull creature. Betsy is clearly all set to marry Max St. Mullins, a Socialist peer, at whom she has been tentatively tilting her cap for some time.

The motives are very confused, and the crisis is precipitated by irrelevancies and coincidences; which is true for all motives and most crises, and Miss Kennedy deserves credit for not shirking the fact. In the next section we see the mud being stirred up. Alec and Betsy's friends take sides; mischief-makers get to work and do their best to make Alec's new life with Joy a misery.

The effect of all this on the Canning children is worst of all. Kenneth, revolted by his father's infidelity, sole recipient of his mother's hysterical confidences, breaks under the strain, becomes neurotic and nearly ruins his life. Eliza takes her father's side, and is sadly domineering for a while at the expense of the feckless Joy. In the end things sort themselves out haphazardly, as such things often do.

Miss Kennedy gets nearer to the bone in this than in any of her previous novels. The characters of the young Cannings are particularly convincing. While she is holding her characters at arm's length, so to speak, her novel is very impressive. Where she fails is, perhaps at the moments of climax: her close-ups lack the intensity, the sheer candle-power, which should make them stand out in our memory against the middle distance of the rest of the narrative.

But "Together and Apart" is a novel of acute observation and rare honesty, and it can heartily be recommended.

"Together and Apart" By Margaret Kennedy. (Cassell 7/6).

ONE MAN'S QUEST

"Italian Summer" approaches the subject of sexual love from a very different angle. It is more romantic than Miss Kennedy's novel, yet finally perhaps gets down to a deeper level of truth. Though it is concerned with the disillusionment that lies, like Blake's "invisible worm," at the heart of love, there is a pleasant summer humour about it—an idyllic quality accentuated by Herr Speyer's charming dialogue and the repetitive use of certain phrases and images that works upon the mind like a refrain in a lyric poem.

The hero is a man who leads an aimless philandering life, always seeking for an ideal beauty in the flesh and blood of his real mistresses, and always disappointed. Finally, in a little Italian town, he meets Aglaia, who is destined, though he fights hard for a while against his destiny—to solve the riddle for him.

"You're living in a phantom world," she told me as I stood in front of her. "You kiss a shadow on the wall of your cave, and the stone tastes bitter to you. It never occurs to you to turn round and face those who stand behind you and throw the shadow."

He tries to escape from the too exacting reality of Aglaia. He has an affair with a Countess, but this is spoilt by the old romantic ideal of love embodied in a sea-goddess who speeds each day across the bay on an aquaplane. When he finds that this unattainable creature was none other than Emma herself, he has learnt his lesson. He returns to Aglaia, able at last to accept her on her own terms. This is a beautifully

conceived, beautifully written little novel. Not a word is wasted. What a relief after all the sprawling sagas and bulging bags of nothingness that pass for novels to-day!

"Italian Summer." By Wilhelm Speyer. (Bles 5/-).

THRILLS IN A VILLAGE

Can cows prove an alibi? Ask the publishers of "One Man's Muddle." They also refer to the book as a "detective story." In point of fact the cows have very little to do with it at all, except that James Strange was resting in a field of them when Mrs. Wharton was murdered; and this novel is not a detective story—it is a hard-boiled thriller with a few pinches of detection, and a first-rate one too.

James Strange goes down to the sleepy village of Cold Spring to forget his past but, as it happens, it is just there that his past is lying in wait for him. He becomes involved in some very raw stuff indeed—murder, blackmail and drug-addicts. The harsh, at times scaring realism of the tale is relieved by some comic situations and the grim wise-cracking of the chief character.

"One Man's Muddle." By E. Baker Quinn. (Heinemann 7/6).

ODD BUT READABLE

"All The Trees Were Green" is a very odd novel. It leaves a strangely indeterminate impression on the mind—"strangely," because it is written with great precision of style and is clearly the product of a keen sensibility. One is inclined to attribute this indeterminateness to the lack of a central character; this is not to say that a novel must have a central character; the trouble here is, possibly, that Mr. Harrison could not make up his mind whose story he was telling; the constant shifting of emphasis is confusing to the reader, and the theme is not strong enough to force these various cross-currents and altered stresses into a pattern.

The foreground is first occupied by the de Freyne family, a mother and three daughters living in a Kentish village, dominated by the shadow of their aristocratic ancestry and haunted by the ghost of the son of the family, who was killed in the war. Their story is narrated by Robert Browning (not the poet of that name), a girlish, narcissist, selfish, dreadfully precious young man who becomes involved in their fortunes and with the youngest daughter, Betty, in particular.

Robert is an admirably contrived character; but he is such a leech that fictionally he seems to suck all the blood out of the de Freynes. With Count Juniper Figg and his son, Eldred, it is a different matter. These two colourful, eccentric and thoroughly delightful rogues remain unaffected by the blight that young Mr. Browning seems to cast over the rest of the characters.

"All The Trees Were Green." By Michael Harrison. (Barker 7/6).

TO PROMOTE WORLD UNITY

NEW BODY PROPOSED

A new international organisation called the World Foundation, with headquarters at Geneva, is proposed in a manifesto issued by a group of distinguished men of various nationalities and professions.

Twenty signatories include Lord Allen of Hurtwood, the Earl of Lytton, Sir Arthur Salter, Sir Norman Angell, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, Dr. M. J. Bonn, Signor Guglielmo Ferrero, M. Jules Romains, Cmdr. Stephen King-Hall, Mr. Tom Mann, Prof. Gilbert Murray and Senor Salvador de Madariaga, who is chairman.

The World Foundation will be an unofficial institution. Its aim will be "to promote the idea and the feeling of world unity among people of all national communities, in order to prepare the way for a system of world management supported by an informed public opinion."

The Director of St. John Ambulance Brigade acknowledges with sincere and grateful thanks the following donations:—Hong Kong Singers, (Proceeds of King's Club Concert), \$500 Dr. Ip Kam Wa, \$25 St. John's Cathedral Xmas Tree Fund, \$20 Children's Clothing Xmas Tree Fund Children's Clothing, Mrs. P. K. Kwok and Mrs. Smith.

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LIEUT.-COL. WILLIAMS ADDRESSES ROTARY

A WELCOME TO LONDON

Some ideals of Empire were the subject of a talk before the Hong Kong Rotary Club yesterday by Lieut.-Col. S. P. Williams, C.I.E., Travelling Secretary of the Royal Empire Society.

Speaking on the objects and work of the Society, Col. Williams said it catered particularly for the welcome of people arriving in England from Overseas.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, attended the luncheon informally and was accompanied by his A.D.C., Capt. W. J. R. Cragg. The President, Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam, expressed the hope that His Excellency would call on them more often, a wish that was spontaneously echoed.

Col. Williams said: Mr. President, Rotarians and Guests—I much appreciate the honour you have conferred on me as representative of the Royal Empire Society in asking me to address you to-day. The rapid growth of the Rotary movement since its inception in 1905 to its present membership of—I believe I am right in saying—172,000, shows the great appeal that Rotary, with its ideal of service, has, to thinking men of all countries in the world. Rotary is making a big contribution towards the promotion of good fellowship and mutual understanding between nations, which is so essential in the world in which we live.

Over a more limited field, the Royal Empire Society is making a similar contribution.

To an audience of this nature I shall possibly sound somewhat parochial but the parish is big and very scattered and I am sure that those of you who are not British citizens will forgive me if my address is perhaps primarily of domestic interest.

The principal aim of the Royal Empire Society is to promote the preservation of a permanent union between the Mother Country and all other parts of the Empire and to maintain the power and best traditions of the Empire.

Candidates for admission to the Society must undertake to support this object. Unity and strength—each is dependent on the other, and both are vitally necessary to our Empire if we are to be able to ensure the safety of all peoples living under the security of our Flag.

The past few years have seen many revolutionary changes in the world. Few countries have remained unaffected. International relations are complicated by internal dissensions. There is a widespread feeling of nervous tension. I believe that most countries in the world to-day regard a strong and united British Empire as one of the most potent factors contributing to the preservation of peace in the world. There is no doubt that this Empire with its nearly 500 million British citizens bound together by a common loyalty to their King, is a very great steadying influence in world politics.

Loyalty to Crown

This loyalty to the Crown and person of the King is a very wonderful thing when one realizes the vast area covered and the great diversity of race and religion of his subjects. It is only when one has lived amongst the people in distant parts of the Empire, learnt their language, and got to know them, that one realizes its force.

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Oversea Investment Income

Sir Robert Kindersley in the current number of the "Economic Journal" continues his calculations of the income derived from British foreign investments. For the year 1934 he estimates that the total of British capital invested abroad (which comprises private investments as well as funds placed in Government and municipal loans and in companies registered at home and abroad) amounted to £3,714,000,000, against £3,666,000,000 at the end of 1933, an increase of £48,000,000. This includes an excess of new issues over repayments of existing loans of £21,000,000 in 1934.

From this capital there was received in 1934 a total income of £159,200,000, against £149,700,000 in 1933, and the tentative estimate is made for 1935 of £167,900,000, which is nearly up to the figure for 1931 of £168,700,000. Given the absence, he says, of major international political disturbances, there is every reason to hope that overseas investment income during the next few years will rise more rapidly towards the level attained in 1929, for which year he computed the figure at £230,900,000.

The estimate is based on the view that the prospect has been greatly improved by recent currency changes in the former gold bloc. Moreover, the reason d'être for prohibitive tariffs, quotas and other exchange restrictions will slowly disappear.

Hopes for a gradual removal of these obstacles to international trade may be entertained. Fears that the adverse trade balance is likely to grow faster than the invisible exports may prove to be unwarranted. Though a moderate deficit in the balance of payments in 1936 seems probable, a moderate surplus may be hoped for in the adverse trade balance is arrested.

LOCAL DOLLAR STEADY

Silver Prices Vary

The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/2%.

"Spot" silver fell to 21%, while "forward" was down to 20-15/16.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$4.91 1/4, while the New York on London cross-rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$4.91 1/4 as compared with \$-U.S.\$4.91 1/4.

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THE Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation announce that, subject to audit, the dividend for the half year ending 31st December, 1936 will be:

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New York Share Market

Messrs. White, Weld & Company, New York Correspondents for Messrs. S. E. Levy & Company, report:

Stocks:—We expect continued unevenness in the Stock Market pending settlement of the automobile strike and we consider the present period a good chance to accumulate good stocks gradually, including motor issues. Resumption of normal auto production is not expected until the Government intervenes and succeeds in persuading the labour unions to accept a compromise. This should cause cancellation of the planned steel and coal strikes, thus clarifying the entire labour situation.

The prospects for railroads for the coming year are good, the most attractive being the best Western Roads and the Great Northern Railroad.

We would defer purchases of oils and protect profits. The retention of non-ferrous metal shares is justified.

Business done:—3,560,000 shares.

Wheat:—It was rumoured on this market to-day that Great Britain may buy large supplies of wheat as a defence measure and this factor bulled the market. Total sales:—25,231,000 bushels.

Copper:—Speculators appear to be dominating the market. Producers are not selling and wider fluctuations seem likely.

Cotton:—We continue to emphasise the fact that cotton prices are lagging far behind the prices of other commodities and we look for further improvement. Reports from the cotton-cloth trade continue to be good and this combined with increased speculative activity lends strength to the market.

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have been received by Reuters:—

Prev. Yesterday Closing Closing

New York Cotton:

January12.34 12.45

March12.44 12.50

May12.31 12.39

July12.24 12.33

October11.84 11.95

December11.86 11.96

Spot13.03 13.09

New York Rubber:

March22.44 22.25

May22.28 22.00

July22.10 21.85

September22.03 21.75

December21.97 21.68

Chicago Wheat:

May133% 124 1/2

July116 1/2 116 1/2

September112 1/2 112 1/2

Chicago Corn:

May107 1/2 108 3/4

July103 103 3/4

September102 102 3/4

Chicago Soybean:

New New

Contracts Contracts

Opening Closing

May110 1/2 111 1/2

July106 1/2 107

Winnipeg Wheat:

May128 1/2 128 1/2

July123 1/2 123 1/2

October112 1/2 112 1/2

R.A.T. ACCOUNTS

In accordance with its custom, the report of the British American Tobacco Co. just issued makes no reference to the business of the past year. The ability of this undertaking to increase its net profits by \$72,585 to \$5,541,756 (as already announced) indicates that it has been more than able to hold its own in troubled international conditions.

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INQUIRY BOARD'S FINDINGS

NO PERSECUTION

The view is expressed that in nearly every case of which Mr. Lambert complained after March 6, he was wrong and the B.B.C. right, and that Sir John Reith, the Director-General, and Sir Stephen Tallents, Controller of Public Relations, exhibited the greatest patience and toleration.

The matter already being in the hands of the chairman and vice-chairman, Sir John Reith did not take it up personally with Mr. Lambert; but he told us that looking back he regretted that he had not done so, and we share his regrets.

Reference is made to the "fierce light of publicity in which the B.B.C. lives, and which makes it nervous of criticism."

After quoting the words of a witness at the inquiry that the B.B.C. is "front-page news," the Board adds that it would be surprising if the essential differences in staff conditions had not set up strains in the B.B.C. which were unknown in the Civil Service.

The proposal is then put forward that it should be made clear to the corporation that the experience of the Civil Service in staff matters was available to them.

THE NEW STAMPS

NO ISSUE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS

There will be an interval of several months before postage stamps bearing the head of the new King are issued.

At present only three-quarters of the 20 million stamps daily bear the head of King Edward VIII; the remainder, stamps of higher denominations, still have King George V's portrait.

The first change is likely to be seen on mail-vans. Nearly all of these now carry the insignia "E.R. VIII." The transfer with the new letters is likely to be in use within a week or two.

Pillar-boxes will bear the new King's initials only when the old boxes have to be replaced. Since King Edward VIII came to the Throne last January only two new boxes have been set up.

Ending a period of 18-years residence in the Far East, and in Hong Kong in particular, Mr. C. H. Benson, General Manager of the American Express Company, Incorporated, for the Far East, will leave for the United States on January 26 with his wife.

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12.30—Operatic Music.

1—Local: Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03—An Instrumental Programme.
1.30—Renter Press, Rugby Press.

Local: Weather Forecast, Time and Announcements.
1.40—Light Orchestral Selections.
2.15—Close down.

2.15—Chinese Programme.
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BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Importance Of The
First Bid

Granting that there is hardly such a thing as an unimportant bid, it is still a fact that the first bid (or pass) of each player is the one that must be right! Rarely is it possible to correct through subsequent bidding an error made on the first round. The reason for this is simple. The primary impression created in partner's mind may be qualified or modified by additional information, but never completely wiped out!

That being the case it naturally follows that the utmost pains should be taken to make one's first bid as accurate and informative as possible. A certain bid may appear to be, at first glance, the only logical one. Nevertheless, it is well worth while to examine the hand for others. The second glance takes but a moment and may prove a sound investment. North, in to-day's hand, should have taken that second glance.

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
Part-score 60.

NORTH		EAST	
S—A Q 7 5	H—K Q J 3	D—K 7 5	C—J 5
WEST		EAST	
S—J 6 4	H—A 10 2	D—A 10 2	C—A 10 2
H—A 10 2	D—A 10 2	C—A 10 2	
D—A 10 2	C—A 10 2		
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The bidding:
West North East South
1 club 1 spade Pass Pass
Double Pass Pass Pass
North might have rescued himself from a bad situation by bidding one no trump over West's takeout double had he known that East was going to leave the double in for penalties.

Of course with South's miserable holding any contract that North and South got into would have been none too good, but it was the spade bid itself that opened the way to catastrophe. Had

ST. TERESA'S
SOCIETY

Many Activities Of
Catholic Organisation

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

The Annual dinner of the St. Teresa's Chinese Young Men's Society was held in the Hotel Cecil last night. There were over thirty members of the Society present, including the Rev. Fr. Maestrini (Rector of St. Teresa's Church), the Rev. Fr. Gallagher, S.J., the Rev. Fr. Bourke, S.J., the Rev. Fr. Spada, the Rev. Fr. Orlandi, the Rev. Fr. Fung, Mr. J. J. Hayden, Mr. L. A. Barton, Mr. J. M. Figueiredo, Mr. R. Choa, Mr. D. Fontana, Mr. Chan Yip-yu (President), Mr. P. Lee (Vice President), Mr. P. Lo (Secretary) and Mr. Thomas Kho (Treasurer).

After an excellent dinner had been served, the Vice-President, Mr. Lee, said:

To-night is the annual dinner of the St. Teresa's C.Y.M.S. and I would like to term it the second birthday of the Society. During the past two years there have been many activities, including the starting of a lending library, Sunday teaching of catechism in prisons, the preaching of the Catholic Faith in Chinese villages, frequent visits to hospitals and monthly lectures to the members. The speaker went on to say that the Society hoped to extend its activities next year, especially on the religious side.

through my fingers, Leslie Hutchinson.

Fox-Trot—The Frog, Organ Grinder's Swing, Claude Bampton and his Prince's Theatre Orchestra.

Vocal—When the moon hangs high, Dick Powell.

Fox-Trot—Drop in next time you're passing, Unbelievable, Jack Hylton & His Orchestra.

11—Close down.

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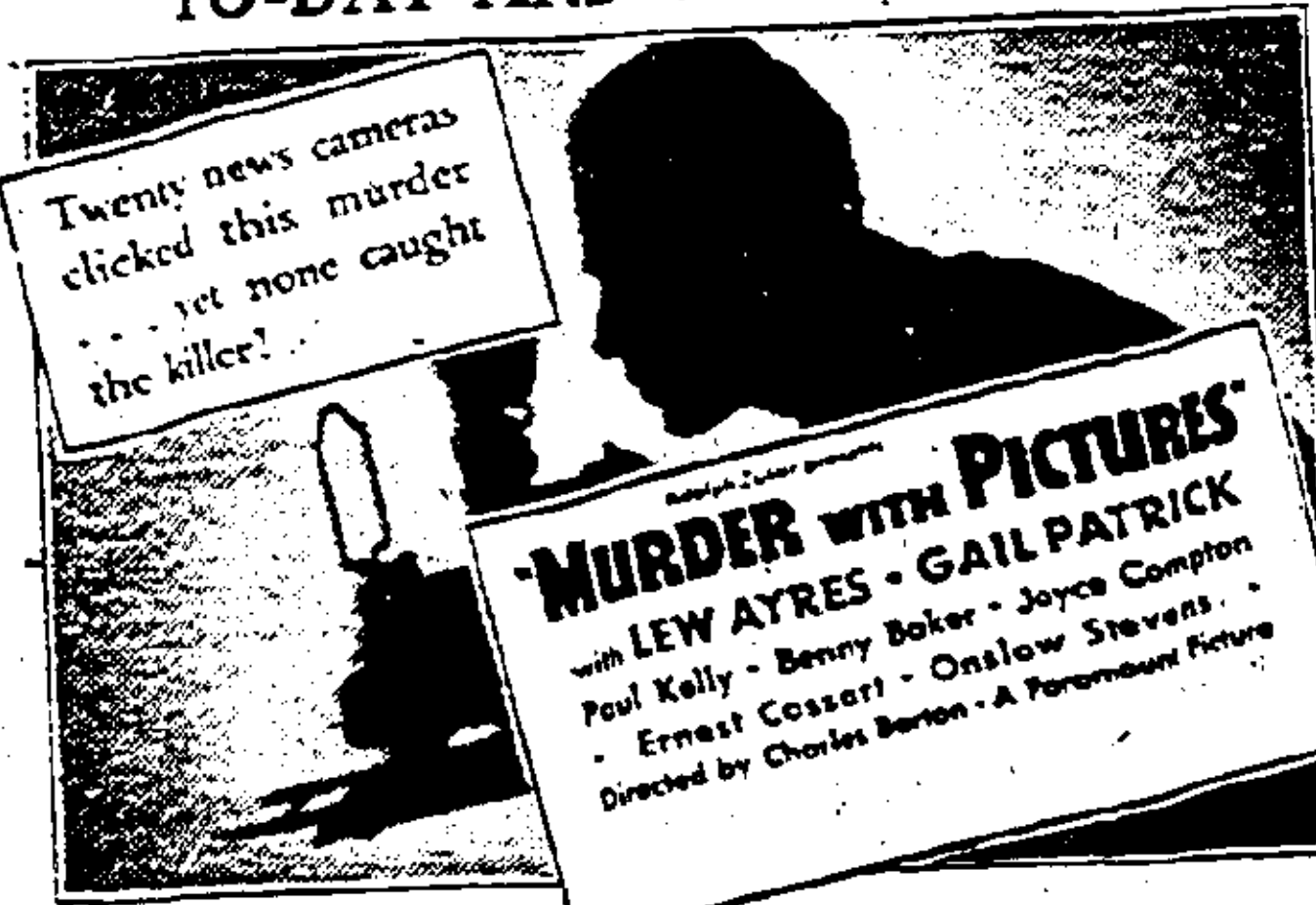
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CHIANG SEEKS MEDIATION

TRYING TO AVOID
CIVIL WAR

Canton, To-day.

The situation in Shensi and Kansu remains highly critical. From well-informed circles it is learned that communist forces of Chu Teh and Mo Chak-tung are marching from Kansu to Shensi, and have reached a point about 50 miles to the west of Sianfu.

Martial law has been declared.

Freedom Granted
To Inspect

Paris, To-day.

The French Military Attache to Tangier, Captain Luisset, has been granted safe conduct to travel freely through Spanish Morocco, including Melilla and Ceuta, by Colonel Beigbeder, the Acting-High Commissioner in Spanish Morocco. This decision has given great satisfaction in France.—Reuter.

In Sian and all Government offices have been seized and reorganized by the rebels.

Mr. Li Chi-kiang, representative of General Yang Hu-cheng, went to see Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in Fenghua on Monday, to discuss a settlement, and he left for Sianfu by air the same day.

Mr. T. V. Soong went to Fenghua yesterday to request instructions with regard to the revolt.

It is learned that the Generalissimo still insists on political methods for settling the question. Accordingly, Mr. Liu Kin-kwan, a departmental commissioner of the Whampoa Headquarters and great friend of General Yang Hu-cheng, was called by the Central Government to fly to Sianfu for the negotiations with General Yang yesterday.—Our Own Correspondent.

MYSTERY PLANE EXCURSION

Shanghai, To-day.

A giant Eurasia aeroplane, left for Nanking from Changchow in Roman this morning, after a brief dash to Sianfu, according to a telegram received by officials of the Company here.

The aeroplane, which took a number of Chinese passengers of unknown identity to Sianfu from Nanking, stopped at Sainfu for only three minutes before returning to Changchow.

It is not known whether the machine is bringing back any passengers, but this is regarded as unlikely in view of the brevity of its stay at Sianfu.

Among the passengers on board the machine which left Shanghai at dawn yesterday morning via Nanking, was Mr. R. Walter, the technical manager of the Company.—Reuter.

FRENCH CHAMBER REASSEMBLES

Herriot Re-Elected
President

Paris, To-day.

The French Parliament was opened yesterday afternoon, the first session being devoted to the election of the presidents and vice-presidents of the Chamber and Senate.

In the inaugural speech, the senior Deputy, M. Salles, expressed a fervent wish that peace might be maintained, adding that this wish was far more urgent to-day when nations everywhere were rallying for war than at the beginning of the last session eight months ago.

A symbol of France's confidence in a peaceful future, he continued, was the Paris Exhibition, which would soon open its gates to the world.

M. Herriot was re-elected President of the Chamber and M. Jean-Nemey retained the office of President of the Senate.—Trans-Ocean.

FRANCE AND GERMANY BID FOR HARMONY

CONCILIATORY MOVES: SCHACHT'S
VISIT TO PARIS

Berlin, To-day. French diplomatic circles as well as in London. "Petit Parisien" says.

"Petit Journal" notes a marked relaxation in tension on which European capitals, especially London, are already congratulating themselves. "Excelsior" likewise confirms the fact that the Quai d'Orsay was very pleased by the impression of the relaxation of tension caused by the Franco-German conversation in Berlin.—Trans-Ocean.

It was gratifying to note that the French Foreign Minister, M. Delbos, did not hesitate, on his return to Paris, to do his part to remove the tension which the incident had caused.

There can be no doubt, continues "Korrespondenz" that like the German nation, the great majority of the French nation desires nothing better than a final settlement and a real peace with Germany. It was, however, incompatible with these objects to permit the efforts being made for attainment to be prejudiced for the sake of some other aim, and by discord and distrust being sown between two countries for no reason whatever.—Trans-Ocean.

DR. SCHACHT VISITING PARIS

Berlin, To-day.

The ending of the Franco-German tension is further in evidence by the report that Dr. Schacht, President of the Reichbank and Minister of Economics, intends to visit Paris shortly, ostensibly to inspect the German section at the forthcoming Paris exhibition.

But business circles expect that he will discuss Franco-German financial and economic problems and there are even rumours of a possible French loan to Germany for raw materials.—Reuter.

IMPARTIAL REPORTS

London, To-day.

Special correspondents sent by The Times and the Morning Post to Morocco to investigate on the spot the truth of rumours concerning the presence of German soldiers in Spanish Morocco, report that no German troops were to be found in the territory.

The "Times" correspondent speaks of active German economic activity in Spanish Morocco, but does not consider this abnormal in character.

The "Morning Post" correspondent after stating that no German troops could be found, declares that the intentions attributed to Germany ought in reality to be laid at the charge of Soviet Russia, which is conducting a progressive propaganda campaign under the directorship of the Soviet Ambassador to Spain, M. Rosenberg.

FRENCH COMMENT

A Paris report of yesterday's conversation between Chancellor Hitler and the French Ambassador Francois Poncet is displayed prominently on the front pages of the morning papers.

In editorial comments, their conversation is interpreted as showing in the last few days a relaxation of the tension. The "Petit Parisien" says that the German assurance, given personally by Chancellor Hitler and under such circumstances, was of course of great importance. The German Chancellor's declaration and has searched in vain for survivors.—British Wireless.

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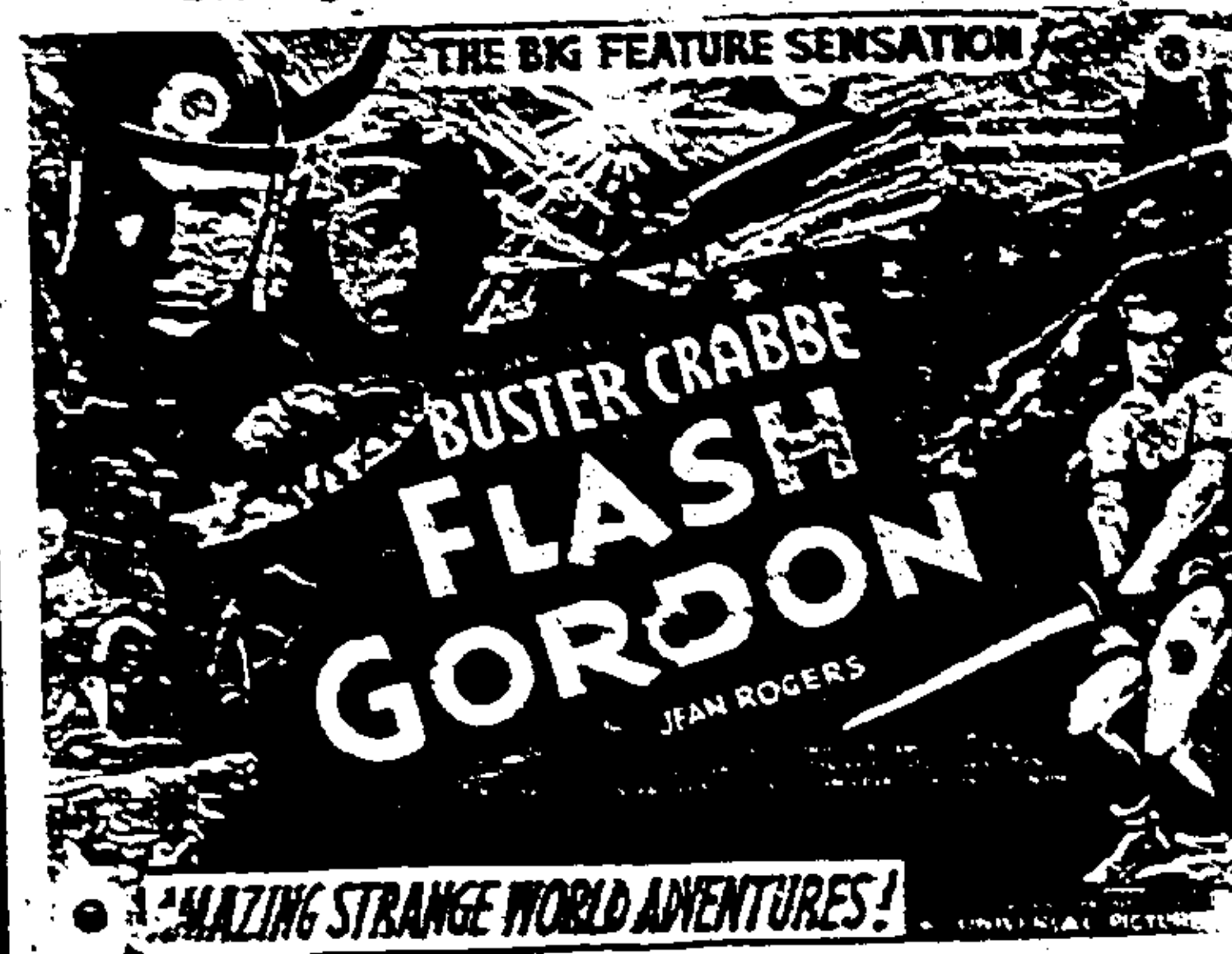
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